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Per reftel request, Polecon officer delivered information on Ms. Gaer's professional experience on August 3 and urged Portugal to join the U.S. in supporting her candidacy. Both MFA Director for Human Rights Susana Vaz Patto and International Organizations Officer Pedro Pinto welcomed the information but stated that Portugal will inform us of its position closer to the elections in October.

In a follow-up conversation with Pinto on September 7, he confirmed that the Portuguese position would be announced in the next few weeks.  
Hoffman